



In June, I joined the Norwalk Police and Special Olympics athletes on the Torch Run through Norwalk to help support the Special Olympics. It was an honor to carry the torch.

## Protecting Home Buyers

People deserve to know the true condition of the home where they plan to live and raise a family. I supported passage of a key bill that will enable home buyers make more informed decisions by requiring more disclosure of property conditions such as: presence of hazardous substances, whether the home has proper building permits, if there are working smoke detectors inside, and if the property has association fees.

## Manufacturing Internships

I pushed for more initiatives to help small manufacturers grow and hire more workers. A bill I supported allows high school students 16 and older to get manufacturing internships. Our state needs more workers with high-tech manufacturing skills.

## Cleaning Up Brownfields

A brownfield clean-up grant from the state Department of Economic and Community Development will prepare the old Norwalk Company site on North Water Street for a transformative mixed-use makeover. This project will create jobs and bring about a cleaner, more vibrant community.

## Relief at the Pump

This session I helped pass a comprehensive plan that caps the gross receipts tax by applying it to only the first \$3 a gallon when gas is sold on the wholesale market. The plan also strengthens protections against price gouging, cracks down on oil profiteering, and requires that savings from the cap get passed along to consumers.



Governor Dannel Malloy and I are joined by students from the Senators Community Foundation Center for Youth Leadership at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk in the governor's office.



In March, Mayor Moccia and I helped celebrate the formal opening and 40th anniversary of Christian Community Action's new home in Norwalk.



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# CREATING JOBS

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Governor Malloy and I at the groundbreaking for the I-95 widening project in Norwalk.

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### Growing Jobs, Supporting Small Businesses

Right here in Norwalk, key programs from our October Jobs Bill are giving small businesses the resources they need to grow stronger and expand their workforce. One such local success story is My Three Sons, an indoor entertainment center in Norwalk that won a grant from the Small Business Express program. This recession-busting grant has allowed the owner to expand his business and hire new people.



In May, I marked the first day of Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages at Stew Leonard's Wine Shop with Manager Rich Beldino.

### Investing Locally

The key to getting our economy back on track is helping local companies expand and hire more workers. A perfect example is the state's investment in FactSet Research Systems here in Norwalk with the creation of at least 200 new jobs. This is an investment that will come back tenfold in the amount of jobs it creates.

### Transportation Improvements

- Marked groundbreaking in late June of I-95 widening project to alleviate traffic concerns at exits 14 and 15
- Secured funding for Merritt 7 train station renovation on the Danbury branch line
- Over 100 new M-8 rail cars in service and more than half of ordered cars to be delivered by year's end



At the groundbreaking for the I-95 widening project. L-R: Rep. Bruce Morris, Rep. Lawrence Cafero, myself, Governor Dannel Malloy, Mayor Richard Moccia, Rep. Terrie Wood and CT DOT Commissioner James Redeker.

### Education Reforms

Every child deserves a first-class education. That's why we worked with teachers, education advocates and Governor Malloy to pass a historic education reform plan. It invests in communities and ensures high-quality teaching in the classroom. The new law provides:

- Funding for 1,000 new early childhood slots
- 20 new or expanded school-based health centers
- Kindergarten through third-grade reading programs
- Innovative approaches to teaching English Language Learners
- Increased funding for new and existing Family Resource Centers
- A fair and validated evaluation system
- Additional funding to school districts across the state

### Restoring Funding for Norwalk Students

When a discrepancy was found in the budget that would decrease education funding to Norwalk, I joined with my colleagues in the House and Senate and sprung to action. After meetings with the Norwalk delegation and with Governor Malloy, we reached a plan to fully restore education funding in Norwalk. I am confident that this agreement marks the beginning of a new direction for Norwalk schools in which our children will be treated more fairly when it comes to education funding.



Team FactSet is working with Norwalk Grows to install a vegetable garden at Tracey Elementary school in April. I stopped by to say thanks! Norwalk Grows—a partnership of the school district, Norwalk Children's Foundation and many local corporations—aims to install gardens in each of Norwalk's public schools.

This year, Senate Democrats expanded the Jobs Bill we originally approved last October. That means:

- Extending incentives to thousands of additional small and medium size businesses which will lead to more state manufacturers hiring, buying, training and expanding;
- Additional job-training support for post-9/11 combat veterans through the expansion of our new state STEP-Up Program;
- A 'Connecticut Made' marketing campaign that advertises and markets locally made products;
- And a stronger "First Five" business incentive program giving preference to companies that move jobs from overseas back to Connecticut.

### RESOURCES

Last October we passed a historic, bipartisan Jobs Bill to help small businesses and workers by improving access to capital, job training and education. Below is a list of initiatives and contact information that could benefit you or someone you know.

- **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org)
- **Small Business Express Package** to get funding for your small business: [www.decd.org](http://www.decd.org), or contact Michelle Lugo at 860-270-8052 or [michelle.lugo@ct.gov](mailto:michelle.lugo@ct.gov)
- **STEP-Up** (Subsidized Training & Employment Programs) provides worker training subsidies for small businesses and small manufacturers: contact Rina Bakalar at the Office for Workforce Competitiveness, 860-263-6523 or [rina.bakalar@ct.gov](mailto:rina.bakalar@ct.gov)
- **Connecticut Reemployment Portal** if you have recently lost a job and are looking for work: [www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP](http://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/CTReP)
- **Job & Career Connection** for details on job and training programs: [www.ctjobandcareer.org](http://www.ctjobandcareer.org)

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